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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #1 -- 2007 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2007 Pacific whiting fishery. Due to concerns about the incidental catch of overfished species, bycatch limits are in place in the non-tribal sectors of the fishery for canary (4.7 mt), darkblotched (25 mt) and widow rockfish (220 mt). If any of the bycatch limits is reached, the primary whiting seasons for the non-tribal fisheries will end regardless of the amount of whiting allocation remaining.

	Allocation		Whiting Catch* (mt)	Overfished Species and Chinook salmon catch	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons					
California (south of 42 N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	4,370	2,909		5/26	started 4/1,	66.6%
Oregon	--	NA					
Washington	--	NA					
WOC shore-based	42% commercial OY	87,398	2,909	Canary – 0.00 mt Widow – 0.92 mt Darkblotched – 0.96 mt Chinook # 576	--		3.3%
Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	49,942	23,084	Canary – 0.34 mt Widow – 42.39 mt Darkblotched – 5.17 mt Chinook # 87	5/29	started 5/15	46.2%
Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	70,751	24,102	Canary – 0.05 mt Widow – 24.77 mt Darkblotched – 4.65 mt Chinook # 139	5/29	started 5/15	34.1%
Total nontribal	commercial OY	208,091	50,095	Canary – 0.39 mt Widow – 68.08 mt Darkblotched – 10.78 mt Chinook # 802	--	--	24.1%
Tribal (Makah)		32,500					
Total directed fishing		240,591	50,095	Canary - 0.39 mt Widow – 68.08 mt Darkblotched – 10.78 mt Chinook #802	--		20.8%
Total	OY=optimum yield	242,591	--	--	--	--	--

* Catch includes: discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based vessels; and catch landed under trip limits prior to the season. The values for at-sea processing sectors are based on NMFS observer data. Data for shore-based vessels were provided by the States. Data for the at-sea processing portion of the Makah fishery are based on preliminary NMFS observer data and shore-based catch was provided by tribal samplers. All weights are in metric ton (2,204.6 pounds).